command until this is straightened out.

Do just as you please."

after Bradley had come in.

a trick of the trust."

the fact home.

our honeymoon.

"I knew it first."

yourself be fooled in this fashion."

you will find that we are the lowest

bidders, for the trust felt safe in keep

Alice looked in at the doorway.

You're a lucky man, Bradley."

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hind him a famous name. As Gribaye

doff said himself the last time I vis-

with a laugh, that it was always luck

soup never stains after half past 7."

The playwrights over their supper of

lobster boasted. "I," said the greatest

tail too far," said a playwright who

dresses the stage manager would.

Why, that must always be done. Oth-

erwise, in their overmastering desire

actress would wear bright red. In my

first play the frocks were forgotten in

dress rehearsal all six actresses came

gowns."-New York Press.

on in the discovery scene in scarlet

Even Buds Grow Old.

According to a government botanist

Applicant-No, ma'am; I couldn't

Thy purpose firm is equal to the

That's why I won't work

naturedly

had failed.

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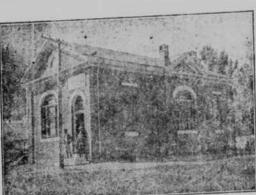
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After a long line of incompetent stenographers Bradley congratulated himself when Alice Fuller took her explaining what those changes were, place at the typewriter desk, and as and who wrote the second message dethough by magic the crooked places were made straight. So quietly did the girl slip into the

routine of the office and so unostentatiously did she accomplish results that Arthur Bradley did not realize all that she was doing. He had only the pleas-ant feeling that at last the office was running straight, and, manlike, he took the credit to himself.

It had been a struggle to get the office going at all, for the firm was in opposition to the trust, and everything possible was done to break up the newly established branch office. More than once Bradley had narrow-

ly escaped some trap laid for him, but for every blow struck at him he gave back as good. The letters from the home office were encouraging and inti-mated that if he would round out the laugh. "Miss Fuller's quick eyes saw first year there would be an increase of salary as well as the present of a block of stock.

The biggest feather in his cap was when the home office turned over to ing up their bid." him the task of securing a contract for some \$2,000,000 worth of material. "Such big contracts are usually handled from the home office," he explain-

as he slipped out to the outer office. ed to Alice Fuller as he gave her the letter with instructions to place it in the private letter file in the safe, "If "Miss Fuller says that she will comethey turn this matter over to me it is a as Mrs. Bradley." sign that they have faith in my judgment. It's going to be a ticklish matter to figure on all that material at a ization that I have loved her ever since BALTIMORF, MD. price that will be low enough to cap- she came into the office," explained ture the contract and still give us as Bradley. "It took this crisis to force much of a profit as possible.'

"They probably realize that you are close to the contract, and they know that they can trust you," answered that your estimate has won the contract," she reported demurely, and to becoming important." She went quietly about her work, kissed her under the approving eyes

but there was a happy light in her of the president of the company. eyes, for she was as much pleased at this sign of confidence as was Bradley | cried, "and we're going to London on

Alice was not a girl of impulses, but she had come to have more than a liking for Bradley, and she took a pride in his success

The week that followed was a busy one. Bradley figured far into the night on the problems of cost, and each norning he gave to Alice the results of his work, to be tabulated on the machine and filed in the safe until the figures should be complete. It was weary work with all the specifications and blanks, but at last the estimate was complete, and Bradley took it on to New York in person for the ap- the report, that he seemed to have difproval of the home office.

He was jubilant on his return. The president of the company had congratwith Bradley in charge.

But the jubilation was short lived, for two days later a long letter came from the New York office instructing the branch to alter the estimates in accordance with a set of figures some 10 per cent in advance of the original

"Here's a job for you," growled brows and his beard turned black. Bradley as he took the paper to Alice's desk. "I'll have to do as the home office says, but it's throwing away the contract and my chance of ists. On that account he leaves be

"Are you certain that it is the order of the New York office?" asked Alice as she took up the sheets. "You know that this contract will mean a great deal to the trust if they are able to take it away from us. It means a great deal more to us to retain it."

"That's just it," complained Bradley. "They know that if we lose this contract we lose our fight for an independent existence and shall have to sell out to the trust at their own price. If we get it, it will mean that we can beat them and hold our own. Yet they raise my figures."

"And it would be worth a great effort to beat us," went on Alice. pose that the trust people had some one planted in the home office who could copy the figures and send them to the trust officers. Suppose, too, letter heads and envelopes. We would be unsuspicious and change the bid in accordance with instructions, only to find out that we had been duped after the bids had been opened and the contract awarded to the trust. I think you will find that they have bid only dightly lower than this, but much higher than your original figures," "That's possible," admitted Bradley

'I'll wire the home office and find out." "And warn the traitor in the office that his plans have been discovered? reminded Alice. "They will then bid to draw all eyes to themselves, every below your figures and get the contract anyway. It would be best to hold or the general excitement, and at the first and take chances by yourself. It will be the only way to hold the contract." "If I only could be sure," exclaimed Bradley. "But I can't act on mere guesswork."

"This is something more than guess work," insisted Alice. "In the first place, this letter is mailed from the at Washington, there is reason to believe that buds share in the growing Madison square station. That is in the building in which the trust has its old of the parent plant. He illustrates main office. Our letters all come from his meaning in this way: Suppose the the Wall street station, four or five average life of an individual plantmiles away and nearest our office. say a tree-to be 100 years; then a bud removed when the parent plant is fifty They are using the same make of years old will also be virtually fifty typewriter President Hammond's stenographer uses, but it is not the same years of age and if transplanted by grafting will be able to live on the machine. On the letters from our ofgraft only fifty years more. fice there is a piece broken from the cross of every 't.' "

"I think you are right!" cried Bradley as he compared two letters. "We'll pop in the original estimate, and when work in a house where there were children. Mrs. Keephouse-But we advertised for a girl who understood chilthey come to open the bids out our dren. Applicant-I do understand 'em. trust friends will have a dozen fits." "But answer this letter and say that changes have been made in the bld in where they are.-Illustrated Bits. accordance with instructions and that the bid has been submitted," directed Alice. "Then the traitor will not be deed .- Young. come alarmed and notify the trust to

FANTAN AT MACAO. "You're the general," cried Bradley admiringly. "I am only the second in

Cambling Houses of the Monte Carlo of the East.

Macao, a Portuguese-Chinese port at That evening a letter went to the China, is the Monte Carlo of the east. as a naturalist incidentally is due to ome office reporting that the changes One must wait until evening to see the his failure to establish himself permahad been made as directed, but Bradfamous "fantan" houses. The interiors are brilliantly lighted with oil and dealer in the best brands of Kenley personally took to the office of the contracting company the original bid. lamps (for Macao boasts neither electucky whisky. Two days later a long telegram arrived from the head office demanding tricity nor gas) and furnished with costthe explanation of the changes to ly Canton blackwood elaborately carved which Bradley made reference. It was Alice who wrote the telegram in reply, two floors. The cooly class remains on the ground floor, where the actual claring it to be impossible to alter the above, immediately over the table in bid to the old figures, as they directed the room below, there is a square The next morning President Ham

mond stamped into the office shortly books and pencils, cigarettes, etc. The visitor may take a seat and look "I came out on the fast train to se what it all means," he cried. "You fair and simple. A man sits at the head of the table with a huge heap of have ruined the company by letting For reply Bradley brought out the letter he had received. It startled handful of the coin and puts it on the Hammond, for beyond question it was on the paper of the company and not Then the betting begins, the bets being on a cheap imitation. He sighed as he laid on the number 1, 2, 3 or 4, after which the banker takes up the hat and "I suppose that you cannot be blamed," he said dispiritedly, "but it counts out the cash in fours, separating them with his cane, the number means that the company is smashed by left when the last "four" is removed being the subject of the betting. These houses, numerous as they are, make an enormous income and are a source and put in the original bid. I think of large revenue to Macao.—Exchange.

JAPANESE PAGODAS.

"If we win, you can have the Lon-Enormous Pendulums Render Thesa Old Structures Earthquake Proof. don office next month," declared Ham-The only old structures in Japan which seem to be earthquake proof are "Excuse me a moment," said Bradley the pagodas, which were erected before "It's a go," he announced beamingly temples. There are many while are 700 or 800 years old and as solid as when first built.

in their construction. A pagado is practically a framework of heavy tim-There is a reason for this, and it lies "Rather sudden?" asked Hammond. "It's sudden only in the recent real bers which starts from a wide base and is in itself a substantial structure, but rendered still more stable by a and suspended from the apex is a single sentence. For instance, when thick or more. This hangs from one end of the four sides. Four more heavy timbers, and if the pagoda be very great embarrassment Bradley timbers, and if the pagoda be very lofty still more timbers, are added to "We've tricked the tricky trust," he these. The whole forms an enormous pendulum, which reaches within six inches of the ground.

"On my yacht," added the president When the shock of an earthquake "We can't do too much for the gir rocks the pagoda the pendulum swings whose clever brain saved the company. in unison and keeps the center of grav-"Don't I know it?" cried Bradley. this is the explanation of the great age of many of them, when from their One of the most remarkable cases of height one would suppose them to be ongevity on record was that of an Englishman born in 1483, whose delithe earthquake. cate appearance made all the doctors

France and Fourteen.

give him up when he was in the cradle. His chest was so narrow, says So far as France is concerned, it is are not a slave; suppose you quit lecthe number fourteen that has played a turing on slavery!" ficulty in breathing. Well, this young conspicuous and portentous part in her history. On May 14, 1554, the Rue de moribund, condemned by the doctors to die in short order, died in 1651 at la Ferronnierre was enlarged by order president of the company had congrated ulated him on the excellence of his work and had hinted that the new London office might be opened soon. London office might be opened soon.

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first American newspaper sketch art. P. T. O. Kept Them All on Edge. One of the favorite devices of Lord Nelson when ships were cruising in ited him in Paris, his fame was due not to his great artistic skill, but to company was to signal to a given craft that Lieutenant Smith or Staff his luck in coming first. And he added, Engineer Brown or Captain of Mato come early and avoid the rush, in rines Jones was to take charge, on the assumption that all his superior ofstancing the case of a restaurant on the Boule Mich, in the Latin quarter, ficers on board had been put out of action. The author of "Trafalgar Rewhere a young poet had a large tureen of soup spilled over his coat one even-fought" says that the result was very ing. The waiter, in response to the good, for no one knew when he might savage outcries of the poet, said good be called upon to take command, and every one therefore made a point of "'Oh, well, you needn't alarm your- trying to make himself fit to carry self, sir. There's no harm done. Our out the duty should it ever be assigned

> quette seem to encourage a practice can turn their heads around and look ommonly called "looking out for No.

of them, with a complacent glance at 1." Here are two of them: the two pure pearls in his shirt front. When cake is passed do not finger the color of every actress' each piece, but with a quick glance select the best. "That is carrying the regard for de-

Never refuse to taste of a dish because you are unfamiliar with it or "Not a bit of it," said the other. "If you will lose the taste of many a dell- Chudleigh. It is that of picking up

> "Do you believe in ghosts?" asked the man who resents all superstition. "No, suh," answered Erastus Pink-"An' all I's hopin' is dat dem ghos'es will lemme stay dat way 'stid o' comin' aroua' tryin' to convince me." -Washington Star.

A Different Proposition. Pompous Director (hotly)-Why did you refuse to give my son a chance to show what he could do? Don't you believe in introducing young lood in the business? Superintendent -I do, but not young bloods.-Puck.

Out of the Usual. "I have something novel in the way of a melodrama."

"The blacksmith is a rascal, while the banker is as honest as the day is long!"-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Outspoken. Mrs. Garrulous-I was outspoken in my sentiments at the club this afternoon. Her Husband-I can't believe Who outspoke you, my dear?-

good he talks of .- Italian Proverb.

London Mail.

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A WOMAN OF QUICK WIT.

er Louisiana."-Kansas City Star.

Susan B. Anthony Never Lacked a Ready Reply. Few lives so lend themselves to dramatle parration as Susan B. Anthony's,

says the Delineator. It ranged from peculiar device. Inside the framework of condensing a whole speech into a woman has not brains enough to be a doctor, lawyer or minister, but has plenty to be a teacher, every man of

you who condescends to teach tacitly admits before all Israel and the sun that he has no more brains than a woman?" And when Horace Greeley said to her at Albany, "You know the bality always at the base of the frame-work. Consequently the equilibrium of the pagoda is never disturbed, and of the pagoda is never disturbed, and fought in the late war-at the point of a goose quill!" Again, when she was talking on divorce and the Rev. A. D. peculiarly susceptible to the effects of Mayo, thinking to annihilate her, said, "You are not married; you have no business to be discussing marriage,"

"Well, Mr. Mayo," she answered, "you

A young colored man in Washington partment. His old mother, a darky of the antebellum type, insisted upon accompanying him to witness his taking of the oath of office. When the official charged with the swearing in of the new clerk put to him the usual formula with reference to "supporting the constitution of the United States" the old lady's eyes were seen to bulge with as tonishment. But she said nothing till she and her son were outside, when,

turning to him, she solemnly observed: "I didn't wanter say nothin' in there, Joe, but 'deed, honey, I don't see how youse goin' to suppote de United States when you ain't been able till now to suppote your folkses,"-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Bird Structure.

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Alms From a Tomb.

A remarkable custom which has been uninterruptedly in force for 300 years is yearly observed at Ideford, a secluded parish a few miles from "Not a bit of it," said the other. "If you will lose the taste of many a delialms from the donor's tomb in the
cacy while others profit by your abstialms from the donor's tomb in the
cacy while others profit by your abstichurchyard. The rector and churchwarden stand at one end of the tomb, upon the flat top of which they place coins. The recipients of the charity come up one by one to the other end of the tomb and pick up the money .-London Standard.

> They're All Old.
> "I am about," said the speaker, "to tell a story which I believe is new to most of you."

"Gee," interrupted a little man at the end of the banquet hall, "that fellow would believe anything!"-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Mountain of Alum. In China, twelve and a half miles

from the village of Llouchek, there is a mountain of alum which in addition to being a natural curiosity is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it yearly tons of alum. The mountain is not less than ten miles in circumference at its base and has a height of 1,940 feet. The alum is obtained by quarrying large blocks of stone, which are first heated in great furnaces and then in vats filled with bolling water. The alum crystallizes out and forms a layer about six inches in thickness. This layer is subsequently broken up into Happy is the man who does all the blocks weighing about ten pounds each.